

TOP SECRET

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

Copy 1 of 4

31 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT: Requirements for Photo Reconnaissance
in Southeast Asia

1. This memorandum requests your approval of paragraphs 4 and 5.

2. Planning for [] in Southeast Asia was based on highest priority targets in North Vietnam with peripheral coverage of Hainan Island and South China border region. About 85% of these targets were covered. Two highest priority targets on Hainan were not covered. Targets in Laos of lower priority were also submitted but with only one mission authorized, the distance factor did not permit coverage of targets in Laos.

25X1

3. Attached hereto is a paper prepared by the Army emphasizing the increased importance of the Laos targets, in the absence of a political settlement at Geneva. The COMOR concurs with these requirements.

4. Recommendations: COMOR again recommends coverage of Hainan Island and South China (targets which bear upon the ChiCom capability to provide military support in the event of a Communist push southward) which can be obtained only by penetration. The urgency for this coverage in terms of military contingency planning has not changed. COMOR also recommends the coverage of Laos.

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

25X1

5. If permission cannot be obtained to overfly Communist China at this time, the COMOR recommends that coverage of Laos by whatever means available be authorized as soon as possible.

25X1

James Q. Reber
Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment:

[Redacted]

CONCUR:

The recommendations contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 are approved.

UG 1961

STANLEY W. BEERLI Date
Colonel USAF
Acting Chief, DPD/DDP

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR. Date
Deputy Director
(Plans)

C/SRS/DPD/DDP:JQR:tms

Copy 1--C/SRS
2--DDP
3--AC/DPD
4--C/SRS

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

TOP SECRET

25X1

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION			
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	XX

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP**

TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
1	Mr. Cunningham	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/7
2	and		
3	Mr. Reber	<i>[Signature]</i>	
4			
5			
6			

FILE

<input type="checkbox"/> ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT REPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PREPARE REPLY
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISPATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FILE	<input type="checkbox"/> RETURN
<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE

Remarks: In amplification of the recommendation made in this paper, I informed Mr. Bissell (following a conversation with Col. Beerli) that the recently approved RB-26 missions will take care of -- or at least contribute to -- the Laos part of this requirement. The requirements for ^{HANAN} Hsiao Island and South China remain unsatisfied. They will, of course, require the approval of the Special Group. Mr. Bissell handed this paper back to me and asked that I return it to you with the request that the appropriate Special Group papers be prepared.

25X1

FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER	
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
DDPASST	7 Sept 61
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 2004/12/13 : CIA-RDP79B01709A001700020047-2

TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	INITIALS	DATE
1.	Mr. Reber		17 SEP 1961 <i>Salem</i>
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
RETURN TO SENDER			
ACTION		CONCURRENCE	INFORMATION
COMMENT		FILE	SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<p>You will note that RMB has not signed this paper in the place you had provided. However, [] points out that his note should govern in this instance. Accordingly, would you be good enough to do your usual Churchillian job of developing a paper for the Special Group.</p>			
FROM			
NAME AND ADDRESS			
JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.		DATE	
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P		7 Sept 1961	